

IMPORTANT TERMS:

- Inverse square law
- Law of universal gravitation
- Perturbation
- Universal gravitational constant, G

EQUATIONS:

$$F \propto \frac{m_1 m_2}{d^2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} / \text{kg}^2$$

UNIT I: MECHANICS

Chapter 13: Universal Gravitation

I. The Falling Apple (13.1)

A. **Isaac Newton** (1642-1727) -

1. Formulated ideas based on earlier work by _____ (concept of inertia)
2. Concept– if object undergoes **change in speed or direction**, then a _____ is responsible

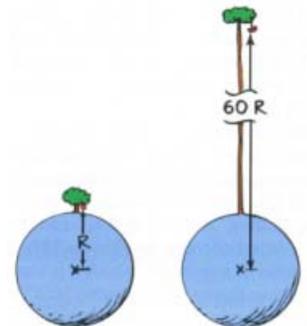
B. Related “falling apple”, to the motion of the moon (falling around the earth)

II. The Falling Moon (13.2)

A. Newton hypothesized that moon was simply a _____ circling Earth under the attraction of _____

1. Newton had to test hypothesis
2. Compared fall of apple to fall of moon
3. Newton reasoned that gravitational attraction was “_____” **by distance**

- a. Moon is _____ times farther from the center of the Earth than the apple
- b. Calculated difference to be $1/(60)^2$



B. Newton waited 20 years to prove hypothesis

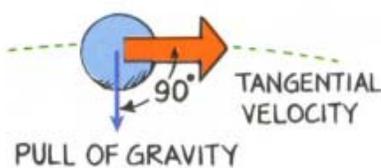
1. Invented a new math (_____) to explain theory
2. Published his findings– The Law of Universal Gravitation. (applied to _____ objects in the universe)

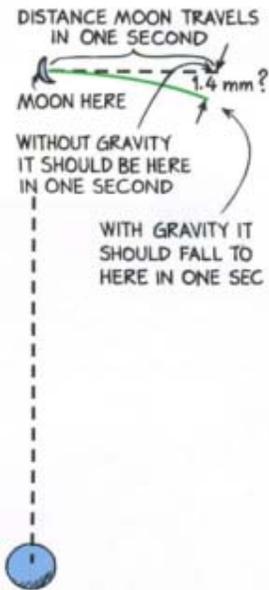
III. The Falling Earth (13.3)

A. Newton’s theory confirmed **Copernican** theory of the solar system.

1. Earth no longer considered _____ of universe
2. Earth not even center of _____

B. Planets _____ **velocities** enough to keep in orbit





IV. Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation (13.4)

A. Law states: **every object attracts every other object with a force that for any two objects is directly proportional to the mass of each object**

1. The **greater the** _____ **the greater the attraction**
2. The _____ **away the objects** are from each other, the **less the** _____ **of attraction** between them

B. Law expressed as:

m_1 is mass of one object

m_2 is mass of other

d is distance between their centers

C. The Universal Gravitational Constant (G)

1. The above equation is a _____ form of law.
2. Can be expressed exactly when **universal gravitational constant (G)** is introduced

a. Value of G first measured 150 years later by Henry Cavendish

b.

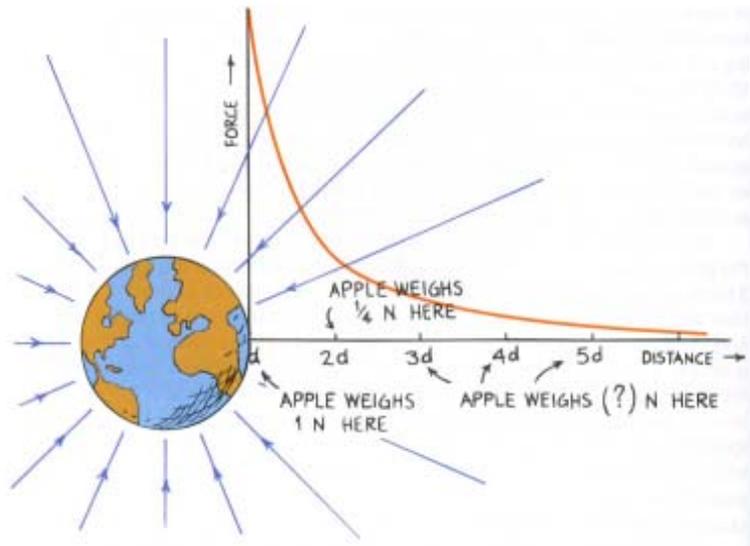
3. Value of G tells us that force of **gravity** is a **very** _____ **force** (weakest of known four fundamental forces (electromagnetic and two known nuclear forces

D. Cavendish used value of G to calculate the mass of the Earth (**mass of Earth = 6×10^{24} kilograms**)

V. Gravity and Distance: The Inverse Square Law (13.5)

A. **Inverse Square Law**– when **quantity varies** as the **inverse square** of its **distance** from its source

B. Also applies to _____, _____, and _____



VI. Universal Gravitation (13.6)

A. Law was used to explain perturbation of planets in our solar system

1. **perturbation**-deviations from normal _____
2. Used law to explain Uranus's perturbation (caused by presence of another unknown planet-Neptune)

B. Theory dramatically affected **science** and **society**

1. Ushered in the **Age of Reason** or **Century of Enlightenment**.
2. Nurtured the thinking of scientists, artists, writers, and philosophers of the 1700's
 - a. **John Locke**– argued that observation and reason, as demonstrated by Newton, should be our best judge and guide in all things
 - b. Locke and followers modeled system of government that culminated in the **Declaration of Independence** and **Constitution of the United States of America**

